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Mat-rimony: Groom splits guest's head

Perhaps it should come as no surprise when fireworks erupt at a wedding of wrestlers known as "The Punisher" and "The Lunatic."

And so it was two weeks ago when Tom (The Punisher) Nash, who wrestles in South Florida as part of a masked tag team called The Black Hearts, married Angelle (Luna) Vachon, niece of the legendary Maurice (Mad Dog) Vachon.

While the couple is doing fine, the same can't be said for one of the guests. An argument erupted during the reception about whether or not Ric Flair was still the best wrestler in the world, and ended with a beligerent guest having his head split open by a head-butt from the groom.



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A different kind of family feud

Dustin Rhodes, the 21-year-old son of Dusty (The American Dream) Rhodes, will be introduced to WWF television viewers on the Oct. 13 "Saturday Night Main Event" on NBC. The two will form a father-and-son tag team and feud with Ted (Million



Dusty Rhodes

Dollar Man) DiBiase and Virgil. There is much irony to this feud. One the reason DiBiase quit the NWA in 1987 to join the WWF was because of bad blood with Dusty Rhodes. Rhodes, at the time, was the NWA's booker (matchmaker). Because Rhodes was so powerful in the NWA at the time, there was also bad blood between Dusty and WWF promoter Vince McMahon.

McMahon and DiBiase came up with the idea of DiBiase having a black servant, named Virgil, because Dusty's real name is Virgil Runnels.

Fun and games on the tube

Don Kernodle, who held the NWA world tag team title in 1982-83 with Sgt. Slaughter, appeared on the Sept. 23 edition of "America's Funniest Home Videos," showing off his talented dog. And NWA wrestlers Sting, Tom (Z-Man) Zenk, "Flyin'" Brian Pillman, Brad (Candyman) Armstrong and announcer Jim Ross defeated Jackie Stallone's Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling (GLOW) five days in a row last week on Family Feud.

Blasts from the past

Several wrestling legends of the '70s are making comebacks in Japan. Dory Funk Jr., who held the NWA title from 1969-73, returns there after a three-year absence at age 48. Andre The Giant, 44, who retired after Wrestlemania in April, is in the midst of a one-week tour of Japan. And Antonio Inoki, 47, who had an infamous "mixed" match against Muhammad Ali in 1976, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his pro debut by wrestling on Sunday.

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